

Event sanctioning issues:

As part of Hockey Canada requiring Branch approval on the following items I am proposing the following policies to allow the Branch Executive Director the ability to provide member teams, Leagues and Associations the ability to be involved in these activities.

Outdoor Rink Policy

Hockey Northwestern Ontario allows its Member teams, Leagues and Associations to use outdoor facilities under the following conditions.

1. The Trainer or Head Coach must inspect the Ice surface and deem it safe and acceptable (use of the HNO Facility Safety Checklist is required).
2. The Trainer or Head Coach must inspect the Boards and gate to make sure they are secure and safe.
3. Member registered Coaches and players only are allowed to participate.
4. All Branch and Member team, League and Association rules and guidelines apply.

Team travel to the United States and Internationally Policy

1. Member teams, Leagues and Association must insure their constituent teams have applied for a Travel Permit and Branch and Hockey Canada approval for international travel.
2. Opposing teams must be registered with Federation of the country visited.
3. Full equipment must be worn.
4. **Players and team staff who are travelling out of the Country are only insured up to Hockey Canada's insurance cap in Canadian dollars. It is strongly recommended that teams and/or individual participants purchase travel insurance to ensure that the policy covers sports injuries.**

Minor Games Between Periods at Junior and U Sports Games Policy

1. Hockey Northwestern Ontario allows its Member teams, Leagues and Associations to allow its minor aged players to participate in Between Period Games at sanctioned Junior and U Sports games.
2. The Branch office must be notified of the Team, Arena and Date.
3. Players must wear full equipment.
4. Participating team staff must provide, proper on and off ice supervision as necessary.
5. **Participating team staff must wear helmets if they are on the ice between periods.**

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